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Hello and Welcome!!

I am Trish McQuoid Mayor and Business owner in Minnewaukan. I am here today to inform you of our current status and doings.

It so seems the waters of Devils lake have some what leveled off for us at this point, If this weather can continue with out huge rains we may survive this summer. I will keep praying I guess.

I have been out to our outlet and it is now running at 250cfs. It is pushing lots of water thru there but will it be enough? We don't know that yet. But every little bit helps at this point. Hopefully there won't be any hick ups that will happen that will shut it down.

Currently we have the Army Corps of Engineers working on a Section 22 study of feasibility. I am hoping to receive some results in the next 4-6 weeks. I was called Tuesday and asked to get some citizens together for a meeting with a few of the engineers to talk about what the city would like to see happen here. Currently I feel relocation or even a partial relocate across hwy 281 would be a great thing for us as we could actually grow our town and have new tax base come to us!! As a closed basin city we are not allowed to regain any tax base so we are a city that's basically dieing a slow death!! We currently have 7 homes that will be being moved out of our town in the next 2-3 months some starting next week!!

If we were able to obtain land and funding for infrastructure we have our water treatment plant and lagoon system that could be ran under the hwy and be used which would save a lot of \$\$. I have not at this point started to ask land owners to see if this would be possible, but would like to start soon to see if this is even a possibility. At this point I am waiting to see what this Section 22 study comes back as to move forward. I am at a real stand still of not knowing what will happen next for us. So for now us residents of Minnewaukan are remaining somewhat positive and going about our daily business. It is not easy by any means. People come to town and stop by the grocery store and like to talk and ask questions, which is fine. But the reality is of that it's hard to think of our town not being here in the future. What's going to happen? Where will everyone go? Etc Etc. And then: It's such a beautiful town I will hate not to come here with my family! We love it here it's so quiet compared to most vacation spots! We feel so safe coming here with our kids! ETC. ETC. I just want you all to know how emotional this all can be!!